

The BPL NPR does not provide the level playing field as required of the FCC by law. The FCC is holding BPL competitors to a much higher standard regarding interference with the radio spectrum. Cable TV companies spend billions maintaining a shielded system so as to meeting FCC regulations. Wireless operators have spent billions to at FCC auctions to use frequencies that do not interfere with other services. The Local Exchange Companies are limited in the range they can provide DSL service by stringent RF interference standards. The FCC is not only giving BPL an advantage, but is taking on the risk that in the likelihood that interference to other licensed radio services causes abandonment of the service, they will be responsible for millions of consumer dollars wasted on obsolete terminal equipment.